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Dear Jim,

The enclosed is for your Thornley file. I obtained it from Hal Verb. Let me explain it.

Hal was with me that early morning when Oswald's former Marine-Corps mate phoned me to tell me Oswald had had a crypto clearance. I had Hal on the phone extension and he heard the entire conversation.

We were immediately anxious to find this guy and continued our efforts until September 1967, when we knew he'd be in Washington attending a business convention of an unspecified kind. That helped us limit it but there was no time for the careful check of the conventions there that month.

Hal asked Walsh to look Thornley up in LA to see what he might know about this. The idea was to get the names of all the former Marine associates and one by one contact them until we found the one who had phoned me.

The annotations on the copy of his letter are Hal's. What the first words of Thornley's response indicate is that he, without knowledge of what I had then not published, also was aware of the fact that Oswald may have been other than he represented.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg